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La Jolla, California

"Todos Santos," an exhibition of santos of the Southwest and Mexico, will be held from April 1 - 15 at All Hallows Catholic Church, 6602 La Jolla Scenic Drive, So., La Jolla, California. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. There is no admission.

Reservations may be made for the opening reception on March 31 by calling 619-454-5310. Reception tickets are \$12.50 each. Hours 6 - 8 p.m.

Martha Longenecker, president and curator of the Mingei International Museum of World Folk Art, La Jolla, is curator of the exhibition which features santos from private collections, California Missions and the Southwest Museum in Los Angeles.

"Because the Southwest was so isolated, only the necessities of life were traded, so local artists began making their own statues of santos.

Each person in a family had a name-saint, each village a patron saint, so there was a demand for religious images," said Longenecker. "The golden age of santero art in New Mexico was 1821-1860. First carved out of wood or made out of metal, as the santos began to adorn private chapels and baroque churches, realism was added through the addition of human hair, clothing and commercial paints."

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Monsignor Patrick Fox, pastor of All Hallows, stated that "the Church has a long history of sponsoring the arts. They are, after all, an expression of man's spiritual self. We invite the community to come together at All Hallows to view art in one of its simplest forms expressing devotion and love of God."

The exhibition is part of the twenty-fifth anniversary of All Hallows Parish. Richard and Diana Young are chairing the exhibition committee. Ann Gottfredson chairs the reception.

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Photographs requested.

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